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Dear "Angler/Club Sec/Association Sec"

I am writing to seek your feedback on a revised proposal for the management of recreational fishing at Penstock Lagoon. As you would be aware the Service consulted with the angling community earlier in the year over a proposal to restrict the use of petrol outboard motors on Penstock Lagoon due to concerns about the potential impact on ecosystem health and the fishery.

A range of issues, concerns and suggestions were raised in respect of the proposal, including safety, equity and need, this resulted in the development of a revised proposal. From the Service's perspective the urgency for action has diminished over the past two seasons due to a reduction in effort on the fishery largely as a consequence of improved conditions at other waters following the breaking of the drought. As a direct result of feedback from anglers the Service has decided to trial a **non-regulatory** approach to enhancing the health of the Penstock Lagoon ecosystem and trout fishery.

The Service is proposing to **recommend** to anglers through interpretative signage as well as the angling code and access brochure, a range of measures aimed at protecting the environmental values of the lagoon.

The revised proposal will recommend activity zones for Penstock Lagoon to manage potential impacts relating to boating and wading, the preferred outboard type and maximum recommended boat size, specifically;

- That a designated 50m wide corridor for petrol powered boating be established on Penstock Lagoon. This corridor will run in a line from the end of the boating channel at the northern end across to Crisps point on the Eastern side, then down the centre of the lagoon towards the Lily Pond at the southern end.
- That wading is restricted to within 50m from the shore.
- That the no motorised boating zone in Beginners Bay be maintained.
- Those anglers using petrol outboard motors on Penstock Lagoon use 4 stroke or low emission 2 stroke motors.
- That any petrol powered boats used on Penstock Lagoon be 5m or less in length.

Note: The 5 Knot speed limit will continue to apply to the whole lagoon including the motorised boating corridor.

If there is general acceptance from the angling community then the Service intends to implement this proposal in time for the 2013/14 angling season.

If you have any concerns or comments on the proposal I would encourage you to respond to the Service by 11 January 2013.

Yours sincerely



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